

IRON AND OPIUM LURE JAPAN TO CHIHLI PROVINCE

Vast Valleys of 'Dream Flowers' Would Put Millions in Coffers.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The iron, coal and opium resources of Chihli province are seen here as one of the big stakes behind Japan's impending drive against north China.

Under the wizardry of Japanese experts, the rich valleys of Jehol, in northern Chihli, would yield enough of the dream-producing poppies, it is said, to oust British India from her place as chief traditional source of China's opium imports and put millions into Nippon's hungry coffers.

Similarly, geological experts declare, next to the province of Mukden, in Manchuria, and, therefore, already in Japanese hands, Chihli contains the greatest known iron reserves in the country.

Together, the two provinces of Mukden and Chihli possess about two-thirds of the known iron deposits in China, together with approximately one-fifth of all her estimated bituminous and anthracite coal reserves.

Japan Needs More Room

The Japanese "war" against China, therefore, is expected to continue, despite the appearance of a lull. The Japanese general staff is regarded as merely timing its blows to suit the weather, Japan's domestic and international situations.

To be self-containing, Japan needs more room in which to expand and from which, in war as well as in peace, she can draw the necessary foodstuffs for her population and raw materials for her industries and war machine.

Manchuria alone does not quite fill the bill. Among other things she lacks sufficient coal and iron—without which no nation can keep its peace-time industries going or win a war. Chihli, experts believe, will fill this mighty gap.

Dream Selling Profits

But that is not all. In Japan's clever hands, fantastic profits are possible in the dream-selling business.

Jehol's fertile valleys are said to be ideal for producing the cheapest variety of opium and even now vast quantities are annually bootlegged into China.

Peking police recently seized 7,000 ounces at one haul when members of a Jehol general's bodyguard tried to enter the city's western gate.

Alongside Jehol more than 400,000 Chinese offer the world's biggest potential market for opium and its derivatives. Many already have a pronounced weakness for the pipe and the "pill," for "dope" and for "coke"—so much so that unscrupulous Occidentals as well as Orientals have built up vast fortunes for themselves in the trade.

Britain Long Offender

Great Britain, long one of the principal offenders in the China opium trade, may lose out to the Japanese when Japan takes over Jehol. Of late there have been spasmodic attempts on the part of British India and China to cut off the Indian supply.

But the stuff continues not only to be grown in China but to come in from the outside.

Most of this, Peking authorities declare, reaches China through Manchuria—Harbin and Mukden, principally, these getting their supplies, it is said, through Vladivostok and Dairen.

REDUCTION IN STATE GAS TAX IS PROPOSED

Legislator Drafts Bill for Consideration by House.

Reduction of 1 cent in the state's 4-cent gas tax is proposed in one of the first bills prepared for introduction in the house of representatives today by J. Clift Elliston, (Dem., Hammond).

Elliston declares passage of his bill will put a halt to practices of motorists living near the Illinois and Ohio state lines of leaving Indiana to purchase gas. Tax in the two adjoining states is 3 cents on the gallon. Elliston says this practice accounts for loss of about \$4,500,000 in revenue to Indiana.

Elliston also said he is preparing for introduction, a bill to extend for another year the delinquent tax moratorium to save thousands of home owners from foreclosures.

DIVORCE SUIT IS FILED

Woman Charges Husband Took Marriage Certificate to Bits.

Alleging that her husband snatched her framed marriage certificate, tore it to bits and burned the pieces, Mrs. Martha Wenke, R. R. Box 158, filed suit for divorce today in Superior court three from her husband, Fred P. Wenke.

Further allegation in the suit is that Wenke is addicted to use of intoxicating liquor and had caused disturbances in the home.

They were married Nov. 27, 1928, and separated Dec. 17, 1932, the complaint states.

Alimony of \$750 and attorney's fees of \$150 are asked in the suit.

State Man Held in Stabbing

By United Press
WATSEKA, Ill., Jan. 9.—Hershel Fitch, 36, Hammond, Ind., was held in jail today on a charge of stabbing John Huppie, 29, Kankakee, Ill., in a fight that followed a dance at Pipaneau. Huppie, a cripple and father of three children, was in serious condition with a wound over the heart.

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